Hurd, Edith Thacher THE ANNIE MORAN Lothrop, Lee & Shepard

To anyone who knows the harbor of New York, the name Moran means a whole fleet of tugboats, so it is no surprise to find that this is a story about the oldest tugboat of them all, a tug almost in the discard and allowed to pull only little freighters and barges. She has a chance to prove her prowess, however - and her stern bitt pulls loose, betraying her age. But at the last, a burning freighter is towed out of danger and The Annie Moran gets the credit she deserves. Clement Hurd has made nice pictures with real character and humor. (Publ.) $1.00

DeWitt, Josephine MICHAEL SEBASTIAN MCKINLEY SMITH Nelson

Mike we've met before, and here is another adventure in which he comes up against a lobster ambitious to prove it is a bird. Hard on Mike, but he pays the lobster back when the lobster almost makes his owner lose a race. Nonsense tale of boats and the shore which seashore minded children will love. Lots of pictures by the author. (Publ.) $1.25

Raabe, Martha LITTLE LOST SIOUX Whitman

Upper bracket in this age group, third grade I should say - a story of six little Indians who became separated from their tribe at the time when the camping grounds were being shifted, and who spent a good many weeks trying to locate them, and to avoid falling into the hands of their enemies, the Crows. Not wholly convincing - for if they were so capable of taking care of themselves, how come they could not find the trail of the tribe? Illustrated by Oscar Howe. (5/1) $1.25

FIRST STEPS IN READING - Fact Books

Judson, Clara Ingram PEOPLE WHO WORK NEAR OUR HOUSE Rand, McNally

Companion volume to *People Who Come to Our House* - and a more successful book. Familiar figures in a suburban town - and in the neighboring city, presented with a page of text (facts about their jobs and how they effect the community), and full page illustrations. Includes bus driver, barber, baker, brickmason, sidewalk makers, traffic policeman, teacher, fireman, street lighting man, filling station man, grocer - these for the town; and for the city the conductor, street sweeper, elevator boy, shoe salesman, waitress, soda fountain boy and zookeeper. Illustrations in black and white with a colored frontispiece by Keith Ward. (Publ.) $1.00

STORY BOOKS FOR THE 9 - 12's

Renick, James & Marion STEADY *A Baseball Story* Scribner

This doesn't quite measure up to TOMMY CARRIES THE BALL, but - since baseball is more popular with small boys than football or basketball, it will probably be the most popular of the series. In a story built around the friendship of two youngsters and a young professional player, the fine points of baseball, the play of each position and the organization of a very junior league make a good tale. Illustrated by Frederick Machentanz who so ably illustrated the earlier books. (March??) $1.50

Justus, May STEP ALONG AND JERRY JAKE Whitman

Another Kettle Creek story, this time about Jerry Jake who wanted to be a peddler, and who helped Stepalong (the peddler of the other stories) when Stepalong twisted his ankle. Nothing particularly new, though as always May Justus gives an authentic feel to her picture of the people and their lives in this remote mountain (Kentucky) settlement. Illustrated by Christine Chisholm. (5/1) $1.50

FACT BOOKS FOR THE 9 -12's

Bronson, Wilfred S. HORNS AND ANTLERS Harcourt, Brace

Nobody does better straight factual nature books than Wilfred Bronson, for he succeeds in making them interesting without camouflaging his data about species, characteristics, habits, etc. with the thin cloaking of a story about an individual of each specie. This time he covers whitedeer, the most common of the breed, muledeer, wapiti, moose, reindeer and caribou, pronghorn antelope and mountain goats. Illustrated with authentic drawings (reproduced in color and in black and white) by Bronson himself. (Publ.) $2.00

FOR THE 12 to 15 YEAR OLDS - Fiction

Ransome, Arthur MISSEE LEE Macmillan

The last two Ransome titles have had to do with a different group of children so I welcomed the return to the youngsters of the Swallow and Amazons with joy, only to face definite disappointment in the quality of the book. This time Captain Flint, uncle of two of the girls, takes the crowd on a voyage around the world, and they are shipwrecked off the coast of China, the Wild Cat burned and sunk. Plenty of adventures, including a pirate, make rather incredible reading. (Publ.) $2.50

Turngren, Annette CANYON OF NO SUNSET Nelson

A mystery story with a good western background. A brother and sister from the mid-west taste their first experience in western life and plunge straight into adventure and mystery when they go to Phantom Valley for a holiday. "Cap" can't manage to keep out of hot water as she investigates every angle of this strange situation which is destroying the happiness of her newfound friends. A very effective wraparound jacket and better-than-average chapter decorations by Wm. Hamaker. (Publ.) $2.00

Stillman, Albert Leeds JUNGLE HAVEN Winston

The reader is led to believe that this incredible story has some foundation in fact, but the author has not succeeded in making it sound authentic. An over-educated youth, whose early years were spent in Mexico first with Yaqui foster parents, then with a prospector, becomes tutor to two princes of a small Balkan country, and - with the outbreak of revolution, obeys orders from the ruler to get the boys away. A succession of misadventures lands them, stripped of everything, in a South American jungle, and the tutor's training in various fields makes it possible for them to live on the things that nature provides until they are rescued. There is plenty of adventure along exaggeratedly routine jungle adventure castaway lines, but the style is ponderous and artificial, the dialogue very stilted. Ill'd. by Henry C. Pitz. (5/1) $2.00

FOR THE 12 to 15 YEAR OLDS - Non-fiction

Floherty, John J. SENTRIES OF THE SEA Lippincott

John Floherty can make any subject he selects interesting reading and I confess that I was skeptical when it came to a sizable volume on lighthouses, buoys, fog horns, lightships, and so on. But he has done it again, and with not too much aid from anecdotes. In fact, I could have wished for a few more, because the ones he included, deliberately chosen to illustrate various facets of life and adventures and value to shipping, were so fascinating. There is almost no facet of the subject untouched (except the war aspects). From 12 *up*. Illustrated. (~~4/22~~) $2.00

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Nolan, Jeannette Covert THE LITTLE GIANT Messner
The Story of Stephen A. Douglas & Abraham Lincoln

Not her best biography - but an excellent one and one that is needed, for so far as I know, Stephen Douglas has not appeared in form for juniors prior to this - and many adults will find it very enlightening. I don't think the inclusion of Lincoln in the sub-title is justified, for Lincoln appears only through his part as opponent politically to the brilliant, gifted lawyer and politician whose story is enough in itself. Interesting picture of the times and the various problems that made Douglas' life so vital,- Mormonism, slavery, territorial expansion, the Civil War. (5/?) $2.50

ADULT BOOKS FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS - Fiction

Cullen, Countee MY LIVES *And How I Lost Them* Harper

More nonsense for all ages, in these autobiographies of Christopher Cat. Christopher, curious, incautious, tosses away eight of his lives in rapid succession. He falls out of the opera hat where he was born, he almost drowns in pursuing a beetle into a tub of water, he gets caught in a trap, he falls off a roof, he is bitten by a snake, he nearly dies of love, etc. Fun in foolish fables. (4/1) (P. 104) $2.00

A Few Good Mysteries & Westerns - Simply Listed (Each $2.00)

Nye, Nelson C. GUNFIGHTER BREED Macmillan

(3/31) A-1 western - this story of Dane Telldane's fight against outlawry. P. 82.

Lockridge, Frances & Richard DEATH ON THE AISLE Lippincott

(4/22) Nice going for the Norths - theatre background. P. 108

Roberts, Katharine CENTER OF THE WEB Doubleday, Doran

(5/1) Spy stuff in occupied Antwerp; story of Stanleigh of British Intelligence. P. 108

Three Star Mystery Book Harper

(5/1) Includes THE OLD DARK HOUSE (Priestley); WAS IT MURDER (Hilton); THE LADY VANISHES (White). (P. 109)

ADULT NON-FICTION FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS

Myers, Bessy CAPTURED Appleton-Century

A courageous and exciting story of a British Red Cross ambulance driver in France. She and another girl were imprisoned by the Nazis as spies at the fall of France and sent to the ill-equipped hospital at Soissons. A French doctor turned stool pigeon and implicated her still further by turning in her diary, and she went to prison, - no food to speak of, filthy conditions, crowded, a prison shared with Colette, Schiaparelli and many other famous French citizens. Eventually, freedom - and a difficult escape from France. Good reading, and a new slant. (Publ.) (P. 85) $2.50

"Old Sarge" HOW TO GET ALONG IN THE ARMY Appleton-Century

An excellent handbook which deals more with what to do and what not to do, than with mere regulations found in official handbooks. The author writes from the inside,

with some looking back on personal first day experience. He advises building up physical resistance in advance (a good slant for the high school youth who faces ultimate absorption in the service), tells what to take and what to leave at home, discusses army etiquette, whys and wherefores, and gives extensive range of data, concretely presented, as to equipment, medical and legal advantages, pay, promotion, etc. All of this should be of interest to those under draft age, also. (April??) (P. 113) $1.50

Puleston, Capt. W. D. ANNAPOLIS *Gangway to the Quarterdeck* Appleton-Century

Another book on the naval academy, written by an authority, which should find a place on public library reference shelves where boys hoping for appointments will find it an excellent addition to Annapolis history. In addition, the book gives a comprehensive picture of the training and education of midshipmen before the Academy was founded, and a good deal of biographical data about naval heroes. (~~4/24~~) ✓ (P.113) $3.00 ✓
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Sutherland, Dorothy DO YOU WANT TO BE A NURSE? Doubleday, Doran

A book for vocational guidance. The steps to becoming a nurse, qualifications, schools and training, chances for advancement, various types of nursing with special sections on army, navy and Red Cross nursing - and advice on the choice of schools with a list of accredited ones. Informal in style. (4/17) (P. 115) $2.00

Chase, Francis, Jr. SOUND AND FURY: *An Informal History of Broadcasting* Harper

A fascinating history of broadcasting from 1907 to the present, partly historical, partly anecdotal, partly human interest - with enough of the technical aspects to satisfy the radio fans. Then the types of shows, famous names, various new developments brought about by the war, all kinds of programs. Good coverage for the layman, for experts, for all ages interested in the behind the scenes. (4/1) (P. 114) $3.00

Giles, Nell SUSAN TELLS STEPHEN Hale, Cushman & Flint

Companion volume to *Susan, Be Smooth* - and intended for Susan's boy friend. Good manners and good form for the youth who would be popular:- looks, grooming, health, good manners, thoughtfulness, attitude towards money, various assets. Presented with common-sense and plenty of humor, with occasional flippancy which may take the curse off the preaching. The problem of getting round the title (what young man wants to be "told"?) is up to Susan. (March??) (P. 111) $1.00

McDonald, E. F. Jr. YOUTH MUST FLY *Gliding & Soaring in America* Harper

An important book for aviation shelf, for the concentration is on a facet of flying usually subordinated to the more familiar phases. Germany has demonstrated the soundness of their use of gliders, and that should result in expanding this form of sport (now existing in small groups the country over) to a serious part of the preparation of youth for flying. Here is a book presenting not only the historical background and recent developments, but giving also a general coverage of types, construction and design, with an appendix of regulations, manufacturers, etc. (Publ.) (P. 119) $2.50

Bryan, George S. MYSTERY SHIP Lippincott

The *Mary Celeste*, a derelict with no humans aboard, alive or dead, and no evidence as to why or where they deserted the ship, is still one of the mysteries of the sea. This book does for the *Mary Celeste* what Nordhoff and Hall did for the *Bounty*, judiciously blending fact and fiction in a complete and supremely entertaining investigation, which leaves the reader still in a fog of conjecture. (4/1) (P. 112) $3.00

Han Suyin DESTINATION CHUNGKING Little, Brown

Here's a book that makes China live through the story of Han Suyin's childhood, the China of the war lords, China struggling into new birth, China rising from the ashes of continuous attack, bombing, defeat, rebirth, China persisting, even in these last years of continuous warfare, in remote and sheltered oases of peace. It is a stirring autobiography of a girl of the upper classes who goes to England to college, meets again a childhood friend, falls in love, and returns with him to wartorn China to play their part. Fascinating reading. (4/21) (Fuller report P. 84) $3.00

Merrick, Elliott NORTHERN NURSE Scribner

Biography of an Australian girl who became a nurse, and signed up for two years under Grenfell and Paddon in Labrador. Accident left her in complete charge of the hospital for a winter, with full responsibility, and this is chiefly the story of that experience, - babies, mothers, T. B., dysentery, hernia, burns, accidents of all kinds, whole communities needing emergency care. (Late March) (Full report P. 87) $2.50

BOOKS FOR USE BY PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Mead, Lydia LITTLE OSCAR'S FIRST RAID Dodd, Mead

This might be used in schools and at home to carry over to fairly young children some of the basic information connected with dos and don'ts of air raid, precautions, procedure in case of emergency, point of view. Done rather cleverly in almost comic strip technique, with brief captions and the colors red and green to carry the idea of don't and dos. Better used by adult with children. (Pub.) $1.00

Hall, Nan, teacher and children of the Fifth Grade LITTLE PITCHERS WITH BIG EARS Garden City

This is sub-titled *How Young America Can Help America*. I confess to being somewhat baffled as to general recommendations for its use. It is distinctly in religious and moral vein (perhaps a hint of Moral Rearmament?) - and only certain teachers could use it effectively. Undoubtedly, the spirit of reverence, of cooperation, of self-discipline through learning the value of contemplation and self searching is something adults as well as children need to acquire. This - in blackboard cartoon and printing style shares actual experiences of 5th grade children. (Publ.) $.50

Schlauch, Margaret THE GIFT OF TONGUES Modern Age

A book on language, which anyone who likes words, their origins, their meaning, their uses should find informative and stimulating. The author has drawn on all tongues and races, shown relationships and influences. She treats of language as communication; sounds and alphabets; building a vocabulary from derivatives; compounds and how compounded; grammar; words in poetry; dialect. Much that is useful and contagious in enthusiasm and interest. (March??) $3.00

Briggs, Ethel M. THE FRIENDLY LIBRARY Snyder Publishing Co. Reading, Penna.

This has so much of value that it is too bad it did not have a more professional eye on the proof reading, as many careless mistakes got through, some inaccuracies, some slips in fact. Nonetheless, an extremely useful book in presenting the use of a library, the hows and whys of arrangement, and so on around a simple tale of a small boy and his dog, and of how he found that the library could help him to make his dog a better citizen. Book came with no accompanying data as to date or price. / 50 published